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WISNER SENDS IATF - TAFT:

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FOR BELGIUM

1. WISNER DISCUSSED ON JUNE 13 WITH REPRESENTATIVES BELGIAN  
MINISTERIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE AS WELL AS ICEM  
DIRECTOR GOB POLICY TOWARDS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

2. GOB IS WILLING TO PERMIT SOME 2,000 VIETNAMESE, PRINCIPALLY  
STUDENTS, CURRENTLY IN BELGIUM TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY IF  
THEY SO DESIRE. IN ADDITION WITHOUT NUMERICAL LIMITATION GOB WILL  
PERMIT SPOUSES, CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF BELGIAN CITIZENS  
OR EC CITIZENS RESIDENT IN BELGIUM TO COME TO BELGIUM.  
VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF BELGIUM MAY BRING SPOUSES AND MINOR  
CHILDREN TO BELGIUM. NEITHER CATEGORY WILL RECEIVE GOB  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

3. AS AN INITIAL QUOTA GOB WILL PERMIT 75 RELATIVES IN  
EXTENDED FAMILIES TO COME TO BELGIUM. THE GOB'S OFFICIAL  
PROGRAM, HOWEVER, IS LIMITED PRESENTLY TO 75 AND GOB WILL  
ASSUME THEIR TRANSPORTATION AND RESETTLEMENT COSTS. AS A RESULT  
CONVERSATIONS WITH WISNER, MINISTRY OFFICIALS AGREED TO LAUNCH  
OFFICIAL PROGRAM AFTER DISCUSSION WITH CATHOLIC WELFARE GROUPS  
ON OR ABOUT JULY 1 INSTEAD OF SEPTEMBER 1. THEY ASSURED  
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WISNER GOB WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXTEND NUMERICAL CATEGORIES

ONCE THEY HAVE ASSESSED PROGRESS IN THE FIRST PHASE.

4. BELGIAN OFFICIALS SAID THEY WOULD TRY TO DRAW FIRST REFUGEES UNDER THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM FROM HONG KONG. MOVEMENT OF THESE AND ANY TAKEN FROM THE AMERICAN SYSTEM WILL BE ARRANGED THROUGH ICEM.

5. APPROVED VISAS FOR THE TWO NUMERICALLY LIMITED CATEGORIES WILL BE SENT TO THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG. IF THE REFUGEES ARE IN THE AMERICAN SYSTEM THE EMBASSY WILL CONTACT THE IATF TO ASCERTAIN LOCATION BY CENTER OF VISA RECIPIENTS.

6. ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS ONLY, GOB WILLING TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR FUTURE ARRIVALS. THE MINISTRY OF LABOR WILL BE QUERIED FOR SKILLS NEEDED IN BELGIAN LABOR MARKET. REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SENT VIA THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS OR THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

7. LOCAL ICEM DIRECTOR ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF US INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO FUNDING TRAVEL OF INDIGENT RELATIVES WISHING TO REJOIN THEIR FAMILIES IN BELGIUM. WISNER ASSURED ICEM DIRECTOR IATF HAVE CONSIDERED FUNDING TRAVEL OF INDIGENT RELATIVES FOR PURPOSES OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION. REQUEST YOU CONFIRM WISNER'S UNDERSTANDING AND SEND INFORMATION TO JOHN THOMAS IN GENEVA FOR DISSEMINATION TO HIS NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES. FIRESTONE

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